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BUREAU OF CONSCRIPTION,
Richmond, Sept. 23, 1863.

For the purpose of detecting the parties engaged in signing fraudulent substitute papers, and of ascertaining the names of principals whose substitutes have become liable to service on their own account, the Adjutant and Inspector General has called for the necessary reports from commanders of regiments, &c. of the army.

To assist, as far as possible, in accomplishing the desired result, the commandants of conscripts for the different states will direct the enrolling and other subordinate officers under their command to forward to this office, through the proper channels, without delay, every substitute paper presented to them. They will make every effort to collect *all* the papers that have been issued, *whether previously passed upon or not*, and will thoroughly canvass their respective districts for this purpose.

Early attention and vigorous action are demanded. The parties furnishing the papers should be furnished with certificates by the enrolling officer, bearing on their face the fact that such papers have been taken from them, and for what purpose.

These certificates should be renewable at stated periods. After investigation, the discharges will be returned as correct, or the parties ordered to be enrolled as conscripts.

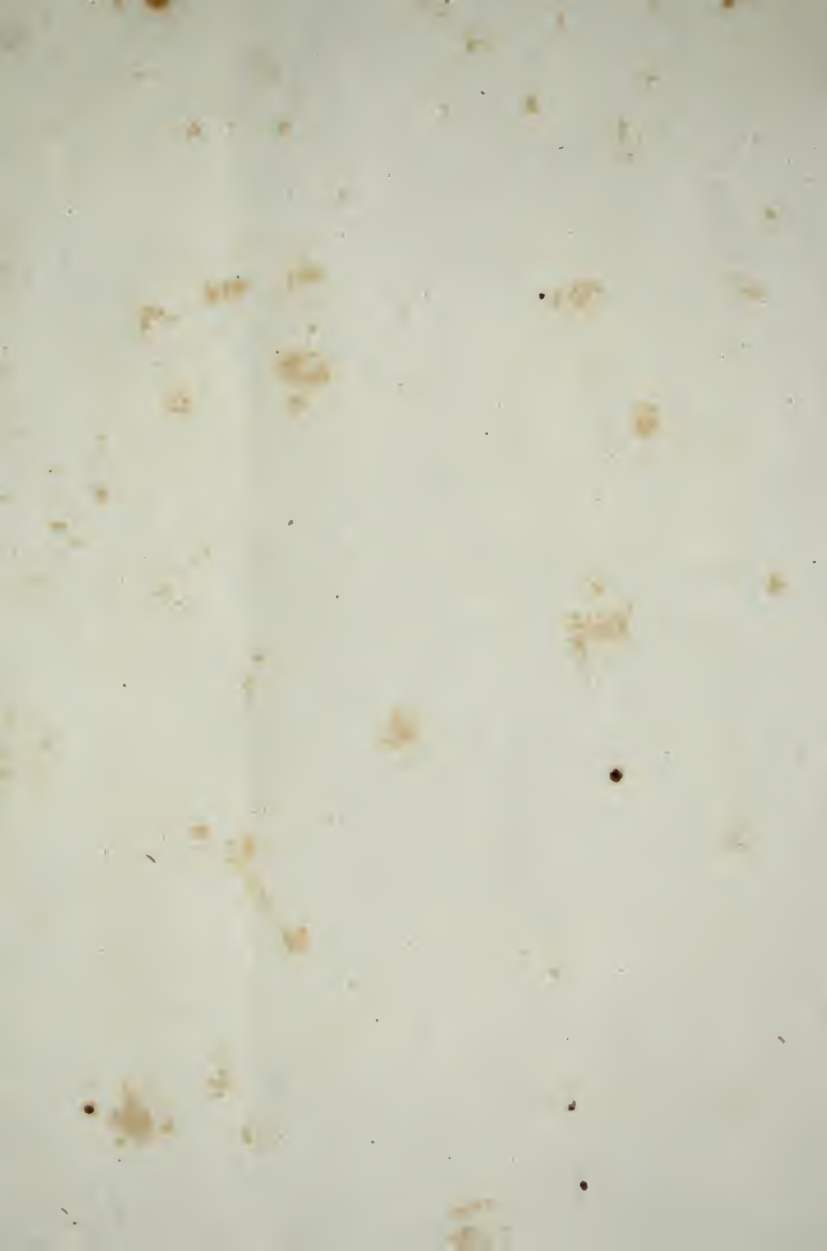
Every effort will be made by the bureau to conduct the investigation with the least possible delay, that the matter may be satisfactorily and definitely settled.

It is not intended to interfere violently with any principal whose discharge has been recognized as valid, but an examination of the papers is absolutely necessary for the formation of an intelligent and correct opinion concerning the extent of the frauds, and for the detection of the parties engaged therein.

By order of Col. JOHN S. PRESTON, Supt.

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